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To : The Secretary

DIRECTOR

Through: C - Mr. Matthews
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From : NEA - John D. Jernegan

Subject: Planning arrangements for Middle East defence

Discussion:

During the exchange of views last year between the Department of State and the Department of Defense concerning U. S. participation in a Middle East defence organization, the Department of Defense formally took the position that planning arrangements should proceed even though the Arab states should be unwilling to participate. The attached letter to the Secretary of Defense informs him that the Department has now reached the conclusion that Arab participation in such an organization cannot be expected in the near future and requests his views as to the desirability of proceeding with planning arrangements which would include only the Western powers.

Recommendation:

That you sign the attached letter (signed by Secretary on 6/26/53.) to the Secretary of Defense.

Concurrence:

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Attachment:

Letter to Secretary of Defense.

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